

AD 276-282

SENATUS CONSULTA

The senate was originally an advisory council to the Roman kings; then to the Consuls. It also exercised a certain supervision over legislation. From end of 3rd Cn BC on, it was the real policy-making body of the Roman Republic. Its resolutions (SENATUS CONSULTA)

came to be phrased with all finality of formal legislation and to have full intents & purposes the force of law.

The latest recorded Senatus Consultum was

from the reign of Probus (AD 272-282,
with the accession of Diocletian, the emperor
became the sole legislative authority of
the Roman Government.

MANI was executed by the Persians

A great religious teacher was martyred for heresy. He was a Persian preacher and (known to the Latin West as MANICHAÆUS) announced himself as the prophet of a new religion; (MANICHAËISM): This was a cosmic struggle between good & evil. Hence the way to truth and salvation was by mortifying the flesh and abjuring the world. Mani rejected the Old Testament and called himself the paraclete.

("holy spirit") promised by Christ.

SHARPOR I in 242 gave MANI freedom to wander the Persian Empire and make converts. Sharpor I died in 272, Mani's followers were persecuted and in 276 he himself was flayed alive, perhaps on a cross. This nurtured the spread of his ideas. Manichaeism spread throughout Asia and the Roman Empire till the 6th century. Even in the Middle Ages in modified shape, it was adhered to by the Cathars and the Albigenses.

276-282 A.D.

PROBUS

Classified as a good emperor

276 & 277

The Goths who attacked Pontus, Galatia and Cilicia came from the Sea of

Azov. They claimed that they wanted to support the emperor - who was long dead - against the Persians. These Goths of 276/277 were simply plunderers from the eastern groups

Sept 276

With murder of Fulvianus in Sept 276 power passed to his rival MARCUS AURELIUS PROBUS. He was a military man. He was about 44 and had gained considerable reputation in the army. His skill in warfare & military training was said to equal Aurelian's. Practically the whole of Probus's reign was spent opposing foreign invaders.

and imperial pretenses.

276

The Great wall around Rome
is completed.

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Probus was emperor
the Alans, Burgundians, Franks,
and Vandals were driven back
by PROBUS. He entered Germany
and strengthened the wall
between the Rhine and Danube
many Germans enrolled as
mercenaries in the Roman Army.

early
276 / Spring 276

Emperor Tacitus set out to join the army in Thrace.

Tacitus advanced into Asia Minor leading his forces to victory over the HERULI and being rewarded with title 'Gothicus Maximus'

276 AD

FLORIANUS succeeded Tacitus

27b

Florianus was emperor.

July 276

At death of T. Aetius, power passed to the praetorian Commander MARCUS ANNIUS FLORIANUS, who was quickly recognized by the senate and by the majority of the provinces.

He embarked at once on further actions against the HERULI & within a matter of weeks had brought them to the brink of defeat. All might have been well, except

that Egypt, Syria and eastern provinces
declared for a rival emperor: MARCOS
AURELIUS PROBUS

Breaking off the HERULI Campaign Florianus
marched south to face the pretender, pushing
camp at TARSUS near the border of the rebel
SYRIA.

the most pressing concern at time of Probus's accession was the widespread destruction of Gaul and the Rhineland provinces by invasions of Franks in the north and Germanic peoples (including Vandals and Burgundians) in the centre and south. It was the greatest disaster to strike this part of the Roman world since its absorption into the empire some 3 centuries

before.

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late 6th

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AD.

MANICHAISM (Religion founded by mani)

The 2 principles of good and evil, light and darkness, are in eternal conflict in the world, and in man's nature, where the struggle is between the flesh and the spirit. Evil influence is to be overcome only by vigorous discipline. For a time, St Augustine was influenced by this teaching.

man (c 216 - c 226). Paraly 3 Person
again. After his martyrdom, his
religion spread rapidly throughout
Roman Empire & Asia

He synthesized elements from Gnosticism
Zoroastrianism & Christianity

St. Augustine was a massive intellect
his conversion

July 276

Tacitus killed
Probus overthrew Florianus
& become sole emperor.

276-282

Probus was emperor.

276AD

~~FLORIANUS~~ succeeded

PROBUS succeeded Florianus

276 → 276.
reigned

born? died?

FLORIAN - Was proclaimed emperor

276-282

DURANT

Probus, emperor